

## Rate of Readmission for Heart Attack Patients

The rates displayed in this table were calculated from Medicare data on patients discharged between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2008. They do not include people in Medicare Advantage (like an HMO or PPO) plans or people who do not have Medicare.

"Readmission" is when patients who have had a recent hospital stay need to go back into a hospital again. Medicare looks at how many heart attack patients need to be readmitted to the hospital within 30 days of their discharge. The information below tells you how the hospitals you selected compare to the U.S. National Rate for readmissions for heart attack patients. Each hospital's rate of readmission is risk-adjusted, meaning it takes into account how sick patients were before they were admitted to the hospital for heart attack. For more information, see [How are the hospital readmission measures calculated?](#)

## Rate of Readmission for Heart Attack patients Compared to the U.S. National Rate.

## The U.S. National Rate for Readmissions for Heart Attack Patients = 19.9 %

HOSPITAL NAME	<a href="#">Better Than U.S. National Rate</a> (Adjusted readmissions are lower than the U.S. National Rate)	<a href="#">No Different Than U.S. National Rate</a> (Adjusted readmissions are about the same as U.S. National Rate or difference is uncertain)	<a href="#">Worse Than U.S. National Rate</a> (Adjusted readmissions are higher than U.S. National Rate)
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-DES MOINES		✓	

The "total number" of hospitals in the table below is the total number of hospitals that had eligible admissions for this measure. See [Information for Professionals](#) for additional information about the data collection for the readmission measures.

Out of 4520 in the United States →	36 hospitals in the United States were Better than U.S. National Rate	2488 hospitals in the United States were No different than U.S. National Rate	52 hospitals in the United States were Worse than U.S. National Rate
	1944 hospitals in the United States did not have enough cases to reliably tell how well they are performing		
Out of 109 in Iowa →	1 hospitals were Better than U.S. National Rate	29 hospitals were No different than U.S. National Rate	1 hospitals were Worse than U.S. National Rate
	78 hospitals in Iowa did not have enough cases to reliably tell how well they are performing		

Note: Medicare derived the 30-Day Risk-Adjusted Readmission measures from its own data about patients on Original Medicare and the hospitals that treat them. The information in this table reflects care given only to patients who are on Original Medicare. All data are [risk-adjusted](#).